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Robert C. Hahn Papers, 1954-1979: Guide

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator: Hahn, Robert C., 1921-1996.

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Abstract: This collection documents Hahn's work as Massachusetts State Representative from the 5th Norfolk District from 1960 to 1964.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents Hahn's political campaigns for office and his work with local and state government bodies. Included are correspondence, speeches, campaign materials, legislation, subject files, and information about the Stoughton Republican Town Committee, the Stoughton School Committee, and the Massachusetts Republican State Committee.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert C. Hahn was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 25, 1921. He graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1938, attended Northeastern University from 1939 to 1941 for pre-law, and received an LL.B. in 1948 and an LL.M. in 1949 both from Boston University Law School. He also completed a Fellowship in Public Affairs at Tufts University. Hahn served in Air Force Intelligence during World War II. He was also a captain in the Air Force Reserve in the Judge Advocate General's Department.

In 1950, Hahn began his law career working in the firm of Lyne, Woodsworth and Evarts in Boston. He later established his own private law practice in Stoughton and Boston. In 1954, Hahn began his political career, serving on both the Stoughton Planning Board and the Stoughton Republican Town Committee. He won a seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the 5th Norfolk District for two successive terms from 1960 to 1964, representing the towns of Stoughton, Sharon and Avon. In 1964, he made an unsuccessful run for State Treasurer and ran in 1966 for Attorney General, again unsuccessfully. He also served as Special Counsel to the Governor. An active member of the Republican Party, he became chairman of the Republican State Committee from 1971 to 1972. During his time as chairman, Hahn was instrumental in Richard Nixon's 1972 campaign.

Hahn was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Bar Association, and the Massachusetts Legislators Association. Hahn died in June, 1996.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Arrangement

The papers are arranged in their original order.

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Languages and Scripts

The materials are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Received from Hahn family, 1997.

Container List

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1	Correspondence	1954-1962
1	Hahn Campaigns	1960-1972
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1	Correspondence	1963-1965
1	Speeches, Rough Drafts	1964
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1	Republican Town Committees	1959, 1964-1972
1	House Legislation	1965
1	Correspondence	1966-1970
1	Republican State Committee	1968-1973
1	Correspondence	1971
1	Press	1971-1979
1	Nixon Campaign: General and Reports (2 folders)	1972
1	Correspondence (5 folders)	1972-1974, 1979
1	Campaign Publications, Fliers	undated
1	Subject File	1963-1978